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SUBJECT: D.K. DUNCAN QUITTS

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1. D.K. DUNCAN RESIGNED HIS POSITIONS AS GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE PEOPLE'S NATIONAL PARTY (PNP) AND MINISTER OF NATIONAL MOBILIZATION AT A MEETING OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE PNP SEPTEMBER 18. PRESS ACCOUNTS NOTED THAT DUNCAN DID NOT PERSONALLY ATTEND THE PNP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING BECAUSE OF ILL HEALTH. NO REASON WAS GIVEN, HOWEVER, FOR HIS RESIGNATION. PRIME MINISTER MANLEY WILL ASSUME THE MOBILIZATION PORTFOLIO.

2. AT THE PNP MEETING, THE RESIGNATION OF LEROY COOKE AS DEPUTY GENERAL SECRETARY (REPORTED REFTEL) WAS ALSO ANNOUNCED. IN ELECTIONS HELD TO FILL THE PARTY VACANCIES, RALPH BROWN, MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND A PNP MODERATE, WAS ELECTED PARTY GENERAL SECRETARY; CLIVE DOBSON, AN NWU ORGANIZER IN MONTEGO BAY, WAS ELECTED DEPUTY GENERAL SECRETARY; DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER DAVID COORE WAS RETURNED AS PARTY CHAIRMAN, AND A.G.R. BYFIELD, MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEACHERS' AFFAIRS, WAS RETURNED AS DEPUTY CHAIRMAN. MINISTER OF PUBLIC

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UTILITIES HORACE CLARKE REPLACED MINISTER FOR PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS KEN MCNEILL AS TREASURER.

3. IN ADDITION TO THE PARTY OFFICERS, THE FOLLOWING ELEVEN MEMBERS WERE ELECTED AS THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE OF THE PNP:

SENATOR GLADYS ELLINGTON
PORTIA SIMPSON, M
CARL THOMPSON, MP
DERRECK HEAVEN, PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY,
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
KEBLE MUNN, MINISTER OF NATIONAL SECURITY
ROY MCGANN, PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY FOR HOME GUARD
CARMEN MCGREGOR, MINISTER OF STATE FOR
WOMEN'S AFFAIRS
BOBBY JONES, CITY COUNSELLOR
SELVYN DEWAR, PARLIMENTARY SECRETARY IN THE MINISTRY
OF WORKS
SEYMOUR MULLINGS, MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINING
WINSTON DAVIDSON, PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY FOR HEALTH.

4. EMBASSY COMMENT: DUNCAJ'S RESIGNATION FOLLOWS
CLOSE AFTER THE PNP ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SEE REFTEL)
IN WHICH READICALS FARED POORLY. WE DO NOT BELIEVE,
HOWEVER, THAT RECENT POLITICAL SETBACKS WOULD, BY
THEMSELVES, FORCE DUNCAN TO RESIGN. DUNCAN HAS REPORTEDLY BEEN
IN POOR HEALTH FOR SEVERAL MONTHS, SUFFERING FROM THE
FLU, DENGUE FEVER, AND A CHRONIC THROAT CONDITION.
ACCORDING TO ONE SOURCE CLOSE TO DUNCAN, HIS ATTEMPTS
TO SERVE AS A MINISTER, AN MP, PARTY GENERAL SECRETARY
AND RADICAL FACTION LEADER HAVE DESTROYED HIS HEALTH.
A SOURCE CLOSE TO THE PRIME MINISTER HAS SAID THAT THER HAVE
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BEEN INCREASED CONCERNS WITHIN THE PARTY THAT DUNCAN MAY
HAVE PROBLEMS OF MENTAL INSTABILITY. HE ALLEGEDLY HAS
BEEN EXPERIENCING GREAT SWINGS OF MOOD AND EXH TBITING
MANIC DEPRESSIVE SYMPTONS. THE PRIME MINISTER HAS
REPORTEDLY BEEN VERY CONCERNED AND UPSET OVER DUNCAN'S
HEALTH. DUNCAN HAS ALWAYS ENJOYED A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP
TO THE PRIME MINISTER AND PARTY INSIDERS HAVE REGARDED
DUNCAN AS THE PRIME MINISTER'S "FAIR-HAIRED BOY."
ALTHOUGH IT IS NOT YET CLEAR WHAT ROLE DUNCAN WILL NOW
PLAY IN JAMAICAN POLITICS, THE LEADERSHIP OF THE
RADICAL MOVEMENT IN THE PNP SHOULD NOA ALL ON MINISTER
FOR YOUTH AND SPORTS HUGH SMALL AND HOUSING MINISTER TONY
SPAULDING.
UNDERSPAULDING AND SMALL THE RADICAL CAUSE WILL BE UNDER LESS
CHARISMANTIC AND
MORE PROGOMATIC LEADERSHIP.
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